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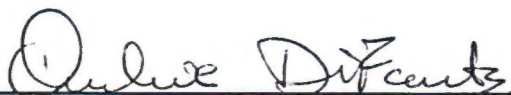
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FOREWORD

One of the oldest and oft-used sources for reconstructing the past is the personal recollections of the individuals who were involved. While of great value, memoirs and oral interviews are primary source documents rather than finished history. This video-taped interview is the personal remembrance of the interviewee and not the official opinion of the United States Air Force Historical Program or of the Department of the Air Force. The Air Force has not verified the statements contained herein and does not assume any responsibility for their accuracy.

BIOGRAPHY OF GENERAL ROBERT T. MARSH

General Robert T. Marsh was born on 3 January 1925 in Logansport, Indiana. He graduated from Logansport High School in 1942 and was attending Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, when he was inducted into the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1943. In July 1945, General Marsh received a Regular Army appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. He graduated in 1949 with a bachelor of science degree in military arts and sciences and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He earned master of science degrees from the University of Michigan in instrumentation engineering and aeronautical engineering in 1956. He has also completed Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College, both schools located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

As an enlisted man in the Army Air Forces for almost two years, he completed both aircraft mechanic and aerial gunnery training on B-17s and B-24s prior to his appointment to the academy. Following his graduation he attended the Air Tactical School at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, and in December 1949 entered preliminary technical training at the Atomic Weapons and Radiological Safety School at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. In July 1950 he joined the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project as an atomic weapons assembly officer at Sandia Base, New Mexico. Later, he was assigned to the cadre of the 5th Aviation Field Depot Squadron, an atomic weapon assembly and storage organization, and went with the squadron in 1951 to Sidi Slimane Air Base, Morocco. In December 1952 he transferred to Headquarters 7th Air Division, Strategic Air Command, South Ruislip, England, where he served as an armament and electronics staff officer.

From September 1954 to June 1956, General Marsh attended the University of Michigan under the Air Force Institute of Technology program. In July 1956 he was assigned to Headquarters Air Research and Development Command with duty at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where he served as project officer in the SM-64A (Navaho) and TM-61-76 (Matador/Mace) weapon systems project offices.

Following Air Command and Staff College in July 1960, General Marsh was assigned to the Ballistic Missile Division, Air Force Systems Command, Los Angeles Air Force Station, California. He returned to Maxwell Air Force Base to attend the Air War College from August 1964 to June 1965.

The general was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., in July 1965 in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development, as a staff officer in the Directorate of Reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare. He later became Chief of the Projects Division in the Directorate of Space. He completed his tour of duty at the Pentagon as Executive Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research and Development.

In September 1969 General Marsh returned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as Deputy for Reconnaissance, Strike and Electronics Warfare. In June 1973 the general received his first assignment to the Air Force Systems Command headquarters as Deputy Chief of Staff for Development Plans. He became Deputy Chief of Staff for Systems in October 1973 and was appointed Vice Commander in August 1975.

He was Commander of the Electronic Systems Division, Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, from May 1977 to January 1981. General Marsh then served as Commander of the Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, from 1 February 1981 until his retirement on 1 August 1984.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters and Army Good Conduct Medal. He also wore the master missile badge.

General Marsh is married to the former Joan Spears of Crawfordsville, Indiana. They have three daughters: Kathryn (Mrs. William D. Monday), Theresa (Mrs. John W. Holly), and Debra (Mrs. Lyal B. Davidson).

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